



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

Camden, ME

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Town of Camden was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Camden (population 5,374) is located on the mid-coast of Maine, which has long been a tourist destination. Although Camden's population has been increasing, jobs in the Camden area declined nearly 11 percent between 2002 and 2005. Pressures to convert properties to high-end residential use for the growing population of retirees have reduced the number of sites available for business expansion or development. The former Apollo Tannery site to be addressed by this grant has been idle for nearly eight years. Groundwater contamination from the site is discharging to the adjacent Megunticook River. Cleanup of the former tannery will reduce off-site migration of contaminants, help protect the health of the river and community, and facilitate redevelopment.



Cleanup Grant

New
2007

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Town of Camden for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the 3.5-acre former Apollo Tannery site located at 116 Washington Street. Beginning in 1887, the site operated as a woolen mill for 66 years and later as a tannery for 46 years. Site soils and groundwater are contaminated with solvents and organic compounds. Grant funds also will be used to support community involvement activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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Grant Recipient: Town of Camden, ME

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